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Patent Case No. 18972PCA

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Prior Application:

Examiner K. Hauda
Art Unit 1632This is a request for filing a Continuation Divisional application, under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), of pending application Serial No. 08/461,268 filed on

June 5, 1995 (DATE) of John J. Donnelly, Varavani J. Dwarki, Margaret A. Liu, Donna L. Montgomery, Suzanne E. Parker, and John W. Shiver (INVENTOR)

for NUCLEIC ACID PHARMACEUTICALS INFLUENZA MATRIX

(TITLE OF INVENTION)

1. The enclosed comprises a copy of prior application Serial No. 08/461,268, as filed on

June 5, 1995. The entire disclosure of this prior application is hereby incorporated by reference.

2. The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION, LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW

FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	25	-	20	5 x \$18 = \$90
Independent Claims	11	-	3	8 x \$80 = \$640
*Multiple Dependent Claims			x \$270	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic Fee (minimum amount required)				\$710
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3. The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or to credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-2755.

4. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:-- This is a continuation, division of application Serial No. 08/461,268, filed June 5, 1995.5. Cancel in this application original claims: _____.6. Preliminary amendment enclosed.7. Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449 enclosed.8a. Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for filing in the prior application file.8b. New formal drawings are enclosed.9a. Priority of application Serial No. _____, filed _____, in _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
(COUNTRY)9b. The certified copy of the priority application has been filed in prior application Serial No. _____, filed _____.10. The prior application is assigned to Merck & Co., Inc. Rahway, New Jersey.11. The undersigned attorney or agent has:

a. Power in the prior application as originally filed.
 b. Associate power, copy enclosed.

Respectfully,

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